

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
U.S. Appln. No. 09/851,983

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (amended) A top coating composition which comprises  
a<sup>2</sup> a coating film-forming resin (I);  
and a silicate-grafted resin (IV) resulting from graft polymerization of a silicate compound (II) onto a hydrolysable silyl-containing resin (III).

3. (amended) The top coating composition according to Claim 1,  
wherein said hydrolysable silyl-containing resin (III) is an acrylic resin obtained by  
a<sup>3</sup> radical polymerization of a silanol- and/or hydrolysable silyl-containing, radical-polymerizable monomer (III-a), a hydroxyl-containing, radical-polymerizable monomer (III-b) and another radical-polymerizable monomer (III-c).

5. (amended) The top coating composition according to claim 2,  
wherein said hydrolysable silyl-containing resin (III) is an acrylic resin obtained by  
a<sup>4</sup> radical polymerization of a silanol- and/or hydrolysable silyl-containing, radical-polymerizable monomer (III-a), a hydroxyl-containing, radical-polymerizable monomer (III-b) and another radical-polymerizable monomer (III-c).